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PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SAMUEL CURTIS JOHNSON AS A CITIZEN REGENT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

NOVEMBER 16 (legislative day, NOVEMBER 14), 1983.—Ordered to be printed

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Mr. MATHIAS, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S.J. Res. 177]

The Committee on Rules and Administration, to which was referred the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 177) to provide for appointment of Samuel Curtis Johnson as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the joint resolution be agreed to.

Senate Joint Resolution 177 would provide that the vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, of the class other than Members of Congress, which occurred with the resignation of John Paul Austin on May 9, 1983, be filled by the appointment of Samuel Curtis Johnson of Wisconsin for the statutory term of six years, beginning with the date the resolution of appointment is approved by the President.

The Board of Regents is the governing body of the Smithsonian Institution and oversees a worldwide operation of scientific exploration, education, and display and preservation of irreplacable artifacts and works of art. The Regents appoint the Chief Operating Officer of the Institution, the Secretary, and he or she serves at the pleasure of the Board. The Regents oversee a staff of over 4,000 people and an annual operating budget of over $250 million, over forty percent of which comes from non-appropriated funds.

The Board is composed of seventeen members and consists of the Vice-President of the United States, the Chief Justice of the United States, three Members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, three Members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, and nine other persons appointed by Joint

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Resolution of the Congress. Of the nine persons who are not Members of Congress, two must be inhabitants of the District of Columbia, and no two of the remaining seven may be inhabitants of the same State. No other member of the Board of Regents is an inhabitant of the State of Wisconsin.

The statute establishing the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution does not provide for the submission of nominees by the President or any other body. The Smithsonian Board of Regents, however, customarily identifies candidates to fill vacancies on the Board and requests that the Regents who are Members of Congress introduce joint resolutions appointing such persons. S.J. Res. 177 was introduced by Senator Barry Goldwater for himself and Senators Jake Garn and Jim Sasser the three Senate Members of the Board of Regents. A companion measure. H.J. Res. 381, was introduced by the House Members of the Board of Regents, Representatives Boland, Conte, and Mineta.

Service as a Regent is gratituous, except for necessary traveling and other expenses in attending meetings of the Board.

HEARINGS

A hearing was held on November 14, 1983. Senator William Proxmire and Mr. Phillip S. Hughes, Under Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, testified in support of Mr. Johnson's appointment. A supporting statement was received from Senator Jim Sasser. No testimony or statements in opposition to the appointment of Mr. Johnson were received.

COMMITTEE FINDINGS

The committee considers Samuel Curtis Johnson to be well qualified to serve as a Regent of the Smithsonian Institution.

COST ESTIMATE

In accordance with paragraph 11(a) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the committee does not consider that enactment of Senate Joint Resolution 177 would entail any cost to the Government.

REGULATORY IMPACT

In accordance with paragraph 11(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the committee does not consider that enactment of Senate Joint Resolution 177 would have any regulatory impact.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter in support of Senate Joint Resolution 177, addressed to Senator Charles McC. Mathias, Jr., Chairman of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, from Phillip S. Hughes, Acting Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, enclosing a biography of Samuel Curtis Johnson, follows:

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,
Washington, D.C., October 12, 1983.

Hon. CHARLES McC. MATHIAS, Jr.,
Chairman, Committee on Rules and Administration,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I would like to take this opportunity to comment on S.J. Res. 177 to provide for the appointment of Samuel Curtis Johnson as citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

Regents and the manner of appointment and terms of office of those other than Members of Congress are set forth in 20 U.S.C. 42 and 43. At its meeting on September 19, 1983, the Board of Regents voted unanimously to request Congressional members of the Board to introduce legislation to provide for the appointment of Mr. Johnson for the statutory term of six years. A vacancy has occurred in the Board's membership because of the resignation of John Paul Austin of Georgia on May 9, 1983.

Mr. Johnson is a resident of Wisconsin and has had a distinguished career in the management of corporate and educational affairs. He has been associated with the Smithsonian Institution for the past five years as a member of the National Board of the Smithsonian Associates. A biography of Mr. Johnson is enclosed.

We would be grateful for your consideration of S.J. Res. 177 at an early date so that, if it is approved, Mr. Johnson could participate in the next meeting of the Board of Regents which is scheduled for January 23, 1984.

Sincerely yours,

PHILLIP S. HUGHES, *Acting Secretary.*

Enclosure.

BIOGRAPHY OF SAMUEL CURTIS JOHNSON

Samuel Curtis Johnson, 4815 Lighthouse Drive, Racine, Wisconsin. b. Racine, Wisconsin, March 2, 1928; s. Herbert Fisk and Gertrude (Brauner) Johnson; m. Imogene Powers, May 8, 1954; c. Samuel Curtis III, Helen Powers, Herbert Fisk III, Winifred Conrad.

Education

B.A., Cornell University, 1950; M.B.A., Harvard University 1952.

Work experience

S. C. Johnson and Son, Inc., Racine, Wisconsin, 1954 to present: International Vice President, 1962–63, Executive Vice President, 1963–66, President, 1966–67, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, 1967–72, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, 1972–79, Chairman (on sabbatical leave) 1979–80, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

Business activities

Director, Mobil Corporation; Director, Deere and Company; Director and Chairman of the Executive Committee, Hertiage Wisconsin

Corporation; Director and Chairman. Heritage Bank and Trust; Director and Chairman, Heritage Racine Corporation; Member, the Business Council.

Former business activities

Director, Signode Corporation, 1959–60; United States Chamber of Commerce; Member, Foreign Commerce Committee, 1963–65; Member, International Committee, 1965–68; Member, International Development Advisory Panel, 1968–69; United States Council of the International Chamber of Commerce; Chairman, Committee on Distribution, 1963–65, Member, Executive Committee, 1967–78, Trustee, 1968–80, Member, Committee on Multinational Enterprises and Investment, 1977–79, Member, Committee on Ethical Business Practices, 1977–78; Director, Marshall and Ilsey Bank, 1964–70; Director, Cutler-Hammer, 1965–72; Member, Kemper Insurance Company Policyholders Examining Committee, 1966; Director, Abbott Laboratories, 1968–70; Trustee, Committee for Economic Development 1969–78; Member, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company Policyholders Examining Committee, 1970–71; Member, United States Section of the Mexico-United States Committee of the Council of the Americas, 1970–72; Director, Koss Corporation, 1972–75; Director, Booz, Allen and Hamilton, Inc., 1974–75.

Philanthropic, educational, and cultural activities

Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the Mayo Foundation; Trustee and member of the Executive Committee, Cornell University; Chairman of the Advisory Council, Cornell University Graduate School of Business and Public Administration; Chairman of the Committee on Board Membership, Cornell University; Founding Chairman Emeritus, The Prairie School; Chairman of the Board, The Johnson Foundation, Inc.; Chairman, The Johnson's Wax Fund, Inc.; Life Member, The Nature Conservance; Member, Business Committee for the Arts; Member, National Board of the Smithsonian Associates; Member, National Voluntary Advisory Council; Governor of the Corporate Fund, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Former civic, cultural, educational, and social activities

Executive Board, Boy Scouts of America, Racine, Wisconsin, 1955–60; Trustee, Young Women's Christian Association, Racine, Wisconsin, 1955–60; Director, Taylor Children's Home, Racine, Wisconsin, 1957–60; Member, American Society, London, England, 1960–64; Trustee, Carroll College, Waukesha, Wisconsin, 1964–68; Chairman of the Board, The Prairie School, Racine, Wisconsin, 1964–83; Member, Harvard Business School Visiting Committee, Boston, Massachusetts, 1965–78; Member, Advisory Committee, University of Wisconsin School of Commerce, 1966–68; Member Council on Medical-Biological Research, University of Chicago, 1966–69; Member, Young President's Organization, Wisconsin Chapter, 1966–78; Member, U.S. Department of Commerce, National Export Expansion Council, Standing Committee on Export Promotion, 1967–69; Chairman, Racine Non-profit Housing Corporation, 1967–69; Trustee, Eisenhower

Exchange Fellowships, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1968–82; Director, American Host Foundation, 1968–74; Member, Smithsonian Institution Art Commission, 1968–70; Racine Environment Committee; President and Co-founder, 1968–69, Chairman, 1969–70; Member, Wisconsin Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Elisha Raymond Chapter, Racine, Wisconsin, 1968–72; Member, U.S. Department of Commerce, National Advisory Council for Minority Business Enterprise, 1969–72; Manufacturers and Employers Association of Racine, Wisconsin: Member Governing Board, 1969–74, Member, Executive Committee, 1972–73; Trustee, American Craft Council, New York, New York, 1970–80; Honorary Director, Southside Revitalization Corporation, Racine, Wisconsin, 1970–76; Member, Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee on Community Relations, Racine, Wisconsin, 1970–71; Co-Chairman, National Fund-Raising Program, Carthage College, Kenosha, Wisconsin, 1971–74; Member, Governor's Task Force on Commerce and Industry Wisconsin, 1971; Member, Governor's Council on Economic Development, Wisconsin, 1972–76; Trustee, Sport Fishery Research Foundation, Washington, D.C., 1973–81; Member, Sponsoring Committee, Edwin R. Gilliland Professorship of Chemical Engineering at M.I.T., 1975–76; Member, President's Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations, 1976–78; Member, US/USSR Trade and Economic Council, New York, N.Y., 1976–77; Member, Affiliate Program, Graduate School of Business, Stanford University, 1977–83; Director Harvard Business School Associates, 1978–82; Trustee, American Museum of Natural History, New York, New York, 1978–82; Member Board of Governors, American Red Cross, 1979–80.

Publications

"How to Organize for New Products," Harvard Business Review, May–June 1957; "How Common is the Common Market?" Business Horizons, 1963; "Active Role for Outside Directors of Foreign Subsidiaries," Harvard Business Review, October 1974.

Citations

Elected one of the five outstanding young men in Wisconsin by the Wisconsin Junior Chamber of Commerce, 1963; Selected "International Advertising Man of the Year" by the International Advertising Association, London, 1967; Elected "Marketing Man of the Year" by the Milwaukee Chapter of the American Marketing Association, 1969; Selected "Citizen of the Year" by the Racine Veterans of Foreign Wars, 1971; Awarded "Order of the Sacred Treasure" by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, 1972; Awarded Honorary LL.D from Carthage College, 1974; Awarded Honorary LL.D. from Northland College, 1974; Elected Honorary Member of Beta Gamma Sigma Society, Marquette University Chapter 1974; Selected "Packaging Man of the Year" by the Package Designers Council of the U.S.A., 1977; Received "Evan Helfaer Award" for distinguished community service by the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, 1979; Received "Alumni Achievement Award" from Harvard Business School,

1979; Named "Philanthropist of the Year," for dedication to private philanthropy, by the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, 1980; Elected honorary trustee of Ducks Unlimited, Inc. 1980; Elected honorary trustee of American Craft Council, 1980; Awarded honorary LL.D from Ripon College, 1980; Awarded Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Carroll College, 1981; Awarded the "Silver Medal of Paris" by the Mayor of Paris, in recognition of the contributions of Johnson Wax to France during the last fifty years, 1981; Received "The Award of Merit" from Asheville School for distinguished service by an alumni, 1982; Selected "Wisconsin Business Leader of the Year" by the Harvard Business School Club of Milwaukee, 1982.

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